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'Improving' Mandela turns 95 in hospital



PRETORIA (AFP) - Millions of people around the world marked Nelson Mandela's 95th birthday Thursday, heartened by news that the hospitalised icon was now able to smile and nod to visitors.

After six weeks of intensive hospital treatment, Ndileka Mandela told AFP her grandfather was "steadily im-

proving" and "using his eyes, nodding."

That message was echoed by President Jacob Zuma who visited his predecessor's Pretoria bedside "found him really stable and I was able to say 'happy birthday' and he was able to smile."

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Meet "BONBI" the championship's Mascot July 20 – 27 Aruba will be the proud host of the Junior League Latin American Series 2013



Bonbi giving the home teams some tips

"Bonbi" is a blue lizard and very friendly and kind. "Bonbi" was chosen to welcome everyone on the field during the upcoming Junior League Latin American Championship games hosted by Aruba July 20-27. It is the mascot chosen by the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) for the "One Happy Family" program.

"Bonbi" will be present to cheer on our local teams and our visiting teams as well. He will be spreading enthusiasm and joy during all the games.

Last year Aruba won the Junior League Latin American games and consequently represented Latin America at the World Series. As host for the Latin American games this year, Aruba has the privilege of having two teams in the championship, Team Aruba I and Team Aruba II.

Each team trained extensively; this tournament demands lots of discipline and dedication. The youngsters are from different neighborhoods and both teams have very determined players. Their mood is very positive and they say they will do their utmost to win this championship.

The first game will be played in Santa Cruz at the Crismo Angela/Nadi Croes Stadium.

"Cododo Bonbini," (the



welcoming blue lizard) the official name of our mascot, is an initiative of ATA Latin America and will be promot-

ing Aruba's ecosystem, the conservation of our flora and fauna and our environment in general. "Bonbi" which is his nickname is one of Aruba's best friends.

During the entire year "Bonbi" travels to promote Aruba as a principal supporter of our "One Happy Family" program. Said program is being offered by most of our local hotels.

Junior League World Series is a baseball tournament for children 13, 14 and 15 years and takes place annually at Heritage Park, Taylor, Michigan.

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Minister Arthur Dowers:



"Cooperation and contribution of everyone is essential to guarantee security on Aruba"

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Psychiatric Ward PAAZ to offer "Lieberman Modules" to clients



The so-called "Lieberman Modules" were developed by Professor R.P. Lieberman, professor of psychology and director of the Clinical Research Center for Schizophrenia and Psychiatric Rehabilitation in Los Angeles. His program has been translated into at least 15 languages.

Care manager of PAAZ, Renate van Dangen, recently explained that on Aruba they conducted a 'Train the Trainer' program with 11 participants in January and

March together with an expert on the Lieberman Modules from the RINO Institution in Holland.

As of January 2013 PAAZ has been offering the Lieberman Modules course to six clients, who are ambulant clients of PAAZ. The clients receive the program, offered once weekly. This was received enthusiastically and positively according to the ward's psychiatrist for children and young people, Meliza Lopez.

Professor Lieberman's

course is geared toward guiding and teaching clients who have suffered from psychosis and has lost the ability of certain social skills and are unable to function socially, to acquire these skills again. In this manner the client can again lead a more productive life and be able to interact with other members of their community.

Jeroen van Geest, social worker at PAAZ, explained that while the material is in Dutch, they were able to use it for these six clients who have a fair grasp of the Dutch language. The intention is to translate the program eventually into Papiamentu. The program has been well received on Aruba. The Lieberman program approaches the client as a student, an active student. Lieberman is the most important representative of rehabilitation with a focus on problem solving in rehabilitation centers in the USA.

The group currently in the training program will soon be

able to put what they have learned into practice at home. PAAZ' main goal is to help clients to manage and function as independently as possible, hence makes every effort to avoid that clients must be admitted into the Center for long stays.

Although it has only been six months since using this program, according to Van Geest, there is a notable difference in the functionality of the clients in the program. The training is very interactive and geared toward practice.

The different modules consist of: the management of anti-psychotic medication, management of psychotic complaints, learning to live with certain conditions, time management, and addiction management.

According to Lopez, it will take at least six months of training that is by the end of the year 2013, to be able to determine how well the client has done with the help of the program, and to measure the overall success of the program.

Junior League Latin American Series 2013

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Countries participating are: Aruba, Costa Rica, Colombia, Curacao, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Republic of El Salvador, Virgin Islands and Venezuela. The tournament is modeled after the Little League World Series and is one of the 11 tournaments patronized by Little League International.

A special invite is going out to the entire Aruban community and visitors to come out and show support to our two teams, Team Aruba I and Team Aruba II in the upcoming Little League Championship. This promises to be an exciting week for everyone who enjoys baseball. So let's pack up the whole family and come out and enjoy the games while at the same time supporting our national selections.



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National Social Dialogue continues on the matter of security



The subject of security was the topic of discussion as partners met during our National Social Dialogue. Different sessions have been held where representatives of the different unions and businesses sat together with the government to explore all aspects of the general welfare and security of the island.

According to the Minister of Justice, Arthur Dowers, not only the cooperation and support, but also the contribution of funds from unions and businesses is essential to guarantee the security of Aruba. Especially in the case of the security cameras which will be placed at strategic points, the contribution of the business community is crucial.

The so-called "camera toezicht project," (security camera project) will be installed at different areas where there is high traffic and movement of people such as in the hotel areas, our beaches, in San Nicolaas and aimed at different main streets. Such a project has a high price tag. The installation and daily operation can be very costly. The maintenance of the system is also necessary in order to guarantee its success.

The Minister has also intimated that such a project could eventually be expanded into residential areas, particularly in residential areas where there are problems with drugs and/or violence. Said cameras can serve as preventative means. Also, around our schools would be ideal locations for such devices.

The National Social Dia-



logue will conclude with the signing of a protocol in which the government and the community leaders are in partnership with each other to reach the goals established in this document. According to Dowers, the government will continue to exercise all efforts to guarantee our secu-

rity, but that everyone must be willing to do their part to make it happen.

It is important to create a broad platform to support the work being done by the government. They hoped to have achieved said platform at the conclusion of this Social Dialogue.

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“Stockbreeding animals for sale at Santa Rosa”



ORANJESTAD – The Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Santa Rosa informs the general public that it has, for a limited period, mix-breed pigs for sale. The price is Afls. 75,- each.

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Breeding of these pigs required much time and attention that is why Santa Rosa has stipulated a few requirements before selling them.

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Santa Rosa also announces that Cunuku Chabelito has received more animals.

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The Mary Joan Foundation, a support and information group for individuals with breast cancer and their families, is organizing its first "Pink Voices" song festival.

The activity, taking place in the Club Caiquetio in Paradera on October 5th, is a social event especially for breast cancer patients and survivors. The competitors, all people who were at one time confronted with breast cancer, will be displaying their vocal talent.

The festival has the support of various local singing artists, who have pledged their time to train the contest-



ants. Each participant will have a personal trainer to help them perfect their performance. Interested parties can register for free at Mary Joan Foundation headquarters.

The Mary Joan Foundation's mission is to create an easily accessible, holistic and integrated, patient and sur-

vivor friendly, care system for breast cancer in Aruba. It's goals are improving co-operation between and communication among all stakeholders involved in the treatment and care of breast cancer patients as well as investing in capacity building of the Mary Joan Foundation to guarantee continuity and to structurally improve the quality of services rendered.

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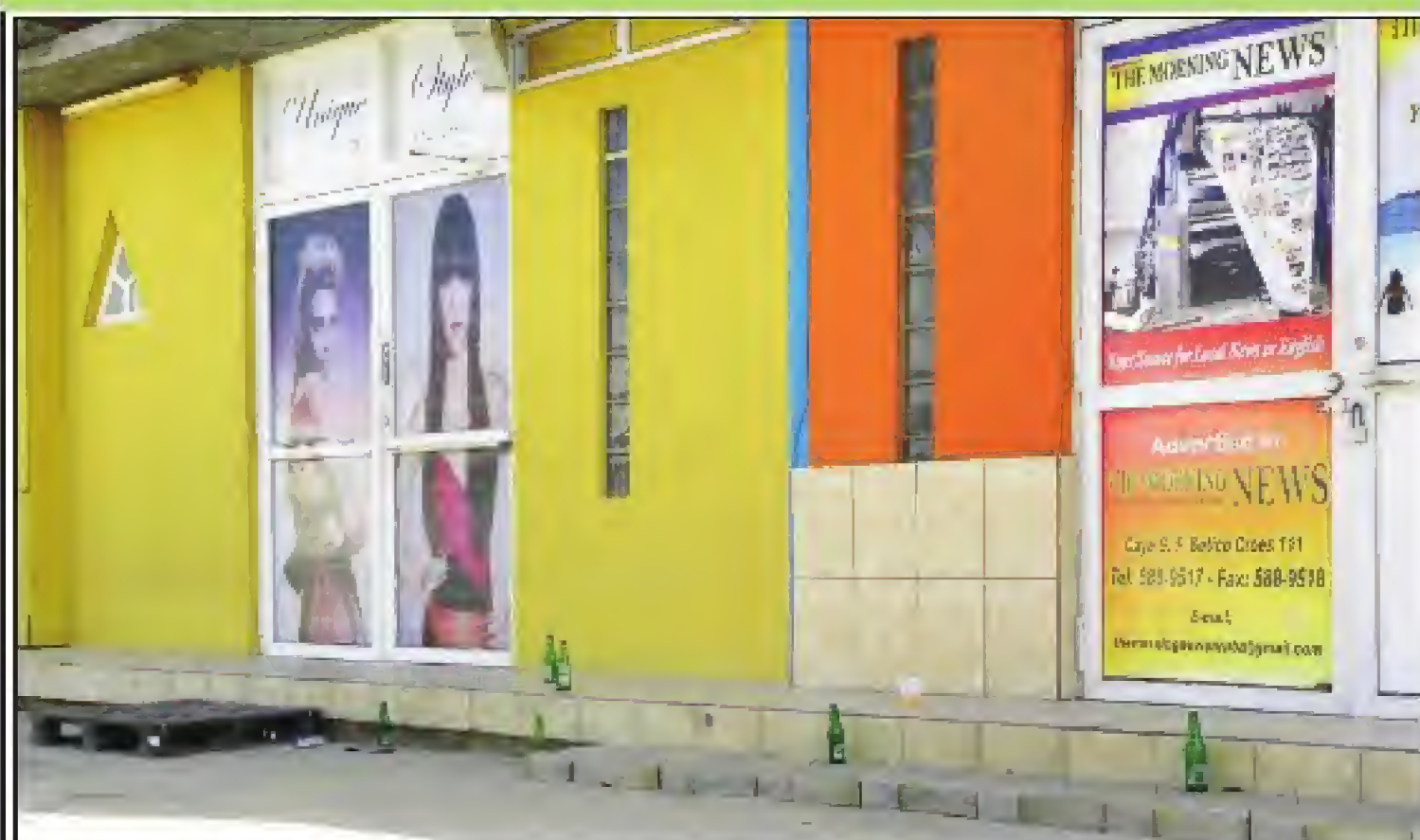
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In these last days, at least twice a week, employees of The Morning News encounter this ugly scene in the early morning hours when arriving for work. The office is situated in the Caya G.F. (Betico) Croes, diagonally of the Valero gas station. It looks more like the site of a wild party than the office of a newspaper. Is there no police surveillance during the night hours? How about some garbage containers to dispose of the empty bottles? Until when will this go on?

Biden eyes trans-Pacific trade deal 'this year'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Vice President Joe Biden said Thursday he aims for completion of a huge trans-Pacific trade deal in 2013, as he outlined efforts to embrace Asia and broaden global prosperity.

Biden, who embarks early next week on an official visit to India and Singapore, said the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) that would encompass 40 percent of the world's economy will be the perfect vehicle for updating global trade standards.

"Not only is this ambitious, this TPP effort of ours, we believe it is doable, and we are working hard to get this done this year," Biden said in a speech highlighting the US strategic pivot to Asia.

Delegations from Aus-

tralia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States and Vietnam hope to conclude the pact before the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Bali in October.

Biden said President Barack Obama's administration was reaching out to emerging economies as well as established giants like China and India -- neither of which are part of the TPP.

"We firmly believe this (trade pact) will be a strong incentive for other nations to raise their standards as well," he said.

The vice president reiterated his and Obama's unwavering commitment to "rebalance" toward Asia.

Ensuring geo-political sta-

bility, reducing "the risk of mistake and miscalculation" and peaceful resolution of territorial disputes such as those in the South China Sea could lead to even greater economic gains in the region, Biden said.

"Imagine what could happen if growing Asia-Pacific middle classes could help lift the global economy even more than they already are," he said.

He stressed that the United States remained fully engaged with Europe, with which it is also in trade talks, and the Middle East, where Secretary of State John Kerry has conducted months of shuttle diplomacy.

"Folks, that's what big powers do," Biden assured the audience at George Washington University.

42 confirmed dead from Canada rail disaster

OTTAWA (AFP) - Police announced Thursday they had found four more bodies amid the ruins of Lac-Mégantic, the Quebec town devastated when an oil tanker train derailed and exploded, bringing the body count to 42.

Authorities said they are still searching for remains after the accident, in which some 50 are presumed to have died.

"We have found four more victims," Quebec police inspector Michel Forget told a press conference.

The coroner added that 19

of the 42 victims have so far been identified, after painstaking forensic examination.

The Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway's runaway oil tanker train derailed on July 6 in Lac-Mégantic, a resort town of 6,000 near the Canada-US border. Waves of fire gutted several streets in the town center.

The railway's chairman said last week the disaster appeared to have been caused by an engineer's failure to properly set hand brakes on the train.

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Detroit becomes largest US city to file for bankruptcy



CHICAGO (AFP) - The city of Detroit on Thursday became the largest city in US history to file for bankruptcy protection, court documents showed.

Once the fourth largest US city, Detroit has seen its population shrink by more than half from 1.8 million in 1950 to 685,000 today, as crime, flight to the suburbs and the hollowing out of the auto industry have eaten away at its foundations.

"The citizens of Detroit need and deserve a clear road out of the cycle of ever-decreasing

services," Michigan Governor Rick Snyder said in a letter accompanying the court filing.

"The only feasible path to a stable and solid Detroit is to file for bankruptcy protection."

Detroit stopped making payments on some of its \$18.5 billion of debt and obligations last month.

Snyder appointed an emergency manager with a background in bankruptcy earlier this year to restructure Detroit's finances.

He said he had "very much hoped" the move would help

the city avoid bankruptcy, but that now it is time to "face the fact that the City cannot and is not paying its debts as they become due and is insolvent."

He listed a host of problems that prove Detroit cannot meet its obligations to its citizens either.

The homicide rate is the highest in nearly 40 years, and, for more than two decades, Detroit has been on the list of the most dangerous cities in the United States.

People have to wait an average of 58 minutes for the police to respond to their calls, compared with an average of 11 minutes nationwide.

A lack of funds for maintenance and repairs means only a third of the city's ambulances work and police cars and fire trucks are also in poor condition.

There are 73,000 abandoned buildings scattered across the city, and 40 percent of the streetlights don't work.

The city's tax rate has reached its legal limit and even if it could raise rates, residents can't afford to pay more, Snyder said.

Lawmakers threaten to limit powers of US spy agency

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Lawmakers on Wednesday accused US intelligence agencies of trampling on Americans' privacy rights and threatened to limit the government's authority to scoop up phone records on a massive scale.

At a House Judiciary Committee hearing, members from both parties berated senior officials over the collection of bulk phone data as beyond the limits of the US Constitution as well as legislation adopted by Congress.

"I think that very clearly, this program has gone off the tracks legally," said Representative Zoe Lofgren of California.

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The hearing focused on the government's far-reaching surveillance activities that have come under intense scrutiny after leaks from a former intelligence contractor, Edward Snowden, who revealed the National Security Agency (NSA) was collecting phone "meta-data" and trawling through Internet traffic to look for terror suspects.

But senior justice and intelligence officials insisted the data mining of phone records is designed solely to prevent terrorist attacks and that it is reviewed by a secret court while abiding by the Patriot Act adopted by Congress.

Moody's lifts US outlook to 'stable' from 'negative'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Ratings firm Moody's raised its outlook on the United States on Thursday to "stable" from "negative," citing the federal government's progress in putting debt on a more sustainable path.

Moody's "today moved the outlook on the Aaa government bond rating of the United States back to stable, replacing the negative outlook that has been in place since August 2011," the company said in a statement.

Moody's also pointed out the top triple-A rating was still warranted on US sovereign debt.

Moody's said the outlook upgrade reflected its view "that the federal government's debt trajectory is on track to meet the criteria laid out in August 2011 for a return to a stable outlook."

Biden refuses to rule out 2016 presidential bid



WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Vice President Joe Biden raised the possibility of a fresh tilt at the White House in 2016 in an interview with GQ magazine published on Thursday.

The 70-year-old former senator, who has already made two unsuccessful bids for the presidency in 1988 and 2008, suggested he could run for the Democratic nomination if his health allowed it.

"I can die a happy man never having been president of the United States of America," he told GQ. "But it doesn't mean I won't run."

President Barack Obama chose Biden as his running mate after winning the epic battle for the Democratic nomination in 2008.

Biden could also face a challenge from Hillary Clinton, Obama's closest rival in the 2008 nomination battle who is being heavily tipped as



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That is a dramatic turnaround for the ailing peace icon, who just weeks ago was thought to be close to death.

Mandela was rushed to hospital on June 8 with a recurring lung infection that had already put him in hospital three times in less than a year.

Outside the Pretoria facility which has been the focal point of a national vigil for the last 41 days, there were joyous scenes.

Revellers sang anti-apartheid struggle songs, school children read poems dedicated to a man nearing the end of his long walk that took him from political prisoner to South Africa's first black president.

"Tata (father) Mandela has once again proved that he is a fighter," said well-wisher Agnes Shilowane, a local uni-

versity student.

Thursday's news was a relief elsewhere in the country to South Africans who marked Mandela Day with a panoply of good deeds.

Biker gangs cleaned streets, volunteers painted schools and politicians spent 67 minutes on worthy projects -- all to mark Mandela's 67 years of public service.

Near Pretoria, Zuma tried to channel Mandela's cross-community appeal by delivering government housing to poor whites.

Messages of support also poured in from around the world -- and even from astronauts on the International Space Station -- to mark the anniversary, which many feared Mandela would not live to see.

1,000 flee homes in south Mexico over violence

ACAPULCO (AFP) - Some 1,000 people have fled their homes in southwestern Mexico after gunfights erupted in their villages and criminal groups threatened them, officials said Thursday.

Residents of three villages in the state of Guerrero abandoned their homes Wednesday after an unspecified number of people were wounded and houses were set ablaze, said Bolivar Ochoa, secretary general of the San Miguel Totolapan municipality that oversees the communities.

"There were shootouts for three days that could be heard here in the municipal center. A group burned down houses and attacked people, who are in tears over this situation," Ochoa told AFP.

The residents of El Terrero, El Cubo and El Remanse took refuge in the main church of San Miguel Totolapan. Authorities have begun to relocate them to other towns and some 500 were still in the

church on Thursday, said Guerrero state security chief Sergio Lara.

The army and federal police have launched operations in the villages to contain the armed groups.

"There is a nasty group in that area but there are already operations to neutralize that group," Lara said.

On May 14, three people died in a gunfight in the municipality after two women were kidnapped. The women have yet to be found. The deputy public security chief had been shot dead a day earlier.

The municipality lies in the Tierra Caliente (Hot Land) region, which straddles the states of Guerrero, Michoacan and Mexico and is known as a hotbed of drug cartel activity.

The gang violence has led several communities in another region of Guerrero, the mountainous and rural Costa Chica area, to form vigilante groups in order to conduct their own policing.



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International News

7-Eleven joins Rolling Stone boycott over 'Bomber' cover



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The 7-Eleven convenience store chain became the latest US national retailer to boycott the newest issue of Rolling Stone over its cover story on Boston bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.

It joined drug store giants CVS and Walgreens, which announced on Wednesday that they will not sell the magazine, which critics accuse of "glamorizing terrorism."

The retailer has about 1,700 company-owned stores and some 5,900 7/11-franchised outlets, she said.

Pharmacy chain Rite Aid has also joined the boycott, according to media reports, while Boston-area supermarket chain Roche Bros announced Wednesday it would not sell the latest Rolling Stone issue.

The magazine's cover picture -- showing a goateed Tsarnaev, 19, staring sadly at the camera with tousled brown curly hair -- was likened to a famous Rolling Stone cover of the late singer Jim Morrison of "The Doors."

Boston mayor Thomas Menino blasted the story in a letter to Rolling Stone publisher Jann Wenner, calling the provocative cover an "obvious marketing strategy" to generate publicity and sales.

"Your August ... cover rewards a terrorist with celebrity treatment. It is ill-conceived, at best, and re-affirms a terrible message that destruction gains fame for killers and their 'causes'," he wrote.

The Rolling Stones article, titled "The Bomber" on the front page, was described by the magazine as a "deeply reported account of the life and times" of Tsarnaev.

Versions of the Tsarnaev photo have previously been reproduced by other outlets, but Rolling Stone's use of the image has offended many in a country still shocked by the carnage at this year's Boston Marathon.

Tsarnaev faces a 30-count indictment -- including 17 counts punishable by death -- for his role in the April 15 twin blasts at the city's marathon that killed three people and wounded more than 260.

Palm Springs wildfire sparks evacuation order

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Some 6,000 residents have been ordered to evacuate in the face of a raging wildfire near Palm Springs in California, officials said Thursday.

Nearly 3,000 firefighters are battling the so-called Mountain fire, which has ravaged some 22,800 acres in the San Bernadino National Forest east of Los Angeles, and is only 15 percent contained on its fourth day.

Some 4,100 homes are threatened by the blaze, as well as 100 commercial properties, said US Forest Service spokesman John Miller.

The most active parts of the blaze are above the town of Idyllwild and near Trails End, to the southwest of Palm Springs, a celebrity-retiree oasis city two hours' drive to the east of Los Angeles.

"These two areas will be the focus of today's firefighting activities as both air and ground crews work to slow the rate of spread of the fire," Miller said.

The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, a popular tourist cable car which takes visitors from the baking desert floor straight up to the much cooler Mount San Jacinto State Park,

was closed due to smoke from the wildfire, it said on its website.

A total of 2,985 firefighters, 228 fire engines, 10 fixed-wing aircraft, 17 helicopters, 21 water tenders and 15 bulldozers are involved in fighting the blaze, the latest in a particularly active wildfire season in the western United States.

Three weeks ago 19 firefighters were killed when overcome by flames in a fast-moving blaze in neighboring Arizona, making it the most deadly wildfire since 29 died fighting a blaze in Los Angeles's Griffith Park in 1933.

Fearful Indian children refuse free meals after deaths

PATNA (AFP) - Thousands of schoolchildren were refusing free meals in poverty-stricken eastern India after 22 children died from eating lunch apparently contaminated with insecticide, officials said Thursday.

Authorities were trying to reassure frightened students and parents in the state of Bihar as police stepped up their investigation into the tragedy, focusing on the school headmistress who has fled.

The 22 children, aged four to 12, died after eating lentils, vegetables and rice cooked at a village school on Tuesday, sparking violent protests from angry residents.

Some 30 children remain ill in hospitals in the state capital Patna and the city of Chhapra after eating the food, which initial tests showed may have been tainted with insecticide.

Children elsewhere in the state were dumping their meals in bins or refusing even to touch them, despite pleas from school officials that the tragedy would not recur, a senior state government official said.

India's state governments run the world's largest school feeding programme involving 120 million children. Bihar is one of India's most populated and poorest states.

Police conducted raids on Wednesday night across the district of Saran, where the village school is located. "We found two containers filled

with insecticide in the headmistress's house along with pulses, vegetables and rice allotted for the midday meals," said the officer, who is investigating the deaths.

Media reports also quoted villagers as saying the use of contaminated, foul-smelling mustard oil for cooking might have caused the deaths.



LONDON (AFP) - People swim and sunbathe at a lake in Hampstead Heath in London yesterday. Britain was sweltering in its first prolonged heatwave in seven years as the deputy prime minister warned the country was simply "not ready for this". The Met Office national weather service put the southwest of England and the west Midlands on the level 3 -- one grade below the "national emergency" top level -- joining London and the wider southeast on heatwave alert.





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Six more cases of MERS virus confirmed: WHO

GENEVA (AFP) - Six more people, most of them health care workers, have contracted the deadly MERS virus in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, the World Health Organization said Thursday.

The UN's health body said that four health care workers from two hospitals in Abu Dhabi had contracted MERS, short for Middle East Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus, after caring for a patient who had fallen ill with the disease.

The announcement came amid growing concern about the spread of the virus that so far has killed 45 of the total 88 people confirmed to have contracted it, especially as worst-hit Saudi Arabia braces for the Muslim hajj pilgrimage.

On Saturday, Saudi Arabia, which counts 67 cases and 38 deaths to date, urged the elderly and chronically ill, as well as children and pregnant women, not to perform the hajj.

And WHO's emergency committee has been meeting for the first time since the 2009 H1N1 influenza outbreak, although it concluded on Wednesday that it was still too early to step up the level of alert and declare an international public health emergency.

It did however say the WHO should help nations boost surveillance and laboratory capacity and to do more to inform the public about how to reduce the risks of infection, through for instance good hygiene.

Experts are struggling to understand MERS, which still lacks a vaccine and which has an extremely high fatality rate of more than 51 percent.

Huge viruses may open 'Pandora's' box: French study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - These viruses are so big they might just be your ancestors.

Two newly discovered viruses are twice as large as the previous record-holders and may represent a completely new life form, French scientists reported in the US journal Science.

Researchers say they were "extremely surprised" by the discovery of what they are calling "Pandoraviruses," which are not believed to be the type that make people sick.

Instead, what is most interesting about them is their giant-sized genome -- from 1,900 to 2,500 genes -- way more than viruses like influenza, which has 10. Humans, by comparison, have about 24,000.

The previous record for a virus was 1,200 genes, in the discovery of the Megavirus chilensis. Before that was the Mimivirus with around 1,000 genes, discovered by the same team of scientists a decade ago.

Viruses are typically not deemed to qualify as a form of life, but some scientists say these giant viruses merit consideration as a new kind of living object.

One, Pandoravirus salinus, was found on sediment off the coast of Las Cruces, Chile.

The other, Pandoravirus dulcis, was found in the muck of a pond in Melbourne, Australia.

They are visible under a light microscope and look to have more in common with cells than other known viruses.

Pandoraviruses come from



a different family than previously known giant viruses, said researchers Jean-Michel Claverie, a professor at the school of medicine at Aix-Marseille University and Chantal Abergel, director of research at France's National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS).

Their container-like shape and unique set of genes "made us associate them to the Pandora box. The opening of the box will definitively break the foundations of what we thought viruses were," the researchers said in an email to AFP.

Most of their genes appear unfamiliar to scientists, and they contain code for proteins and enzymes that "do unknown things," the authors said.

That means, according to the researchers, that Pandoraviruses may come from a "different tree of life altogether," than the three domains of life known to science as bacteria, single-celled microorganisms known as archaea, and eukarya which includes fungi, plants and animals.

According to Gustavo Cae-

tano-Anolles, a professor of bioinformatics at the University of Illinois who was not involved with the research but studies giant viruses, his theory is that they descended from a cell.

If true, "then we will have two kinds of ancestors -- an ancestor that is shared between viruses and cells and an ancestor shared by all the cellular super kingdoms," he told AFP.

"The problem here is more from an evolutionary point of view. Where do these viruses come from?"

"They are definitely part of something that we do not understand very well and that has the same complexity as cells."

It may be that viruses that make people sick are "part of a lineage that go rogue," he added.

Meanwhile, the majority of viruses may be good guys that sow genetic diversity among Earth's life forms.

The French scientists said they are hopeful that the discovery will lead to funding more research into how these Pandoraviruses operate, which could inform future biotech and biomedical innovations.

'Intelligent' knife - iKnife

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A new kind of surgical knife can tell cancerous from healthy tissue in seconds and may help improve tumor removal in the operating room, according to research published Wednesday.

Known as the iKnife, the tool analyzes the vapor given off as surgeons use electrical current to cut away tissue -- and it reports in real time whether the tissue is cancerous or not.

The iKnife uses mass spectrometry to examine the surgical smoke given off by evaporating tissue, alerting the surgeon in three seconds as to what it contains.

The iKnife was tested on tissue samples from 302 patients, including those with tumors of the stomach, colon, liver, lung, breast and brain, and later in the operating room during 91 procedures to cut tumor tissue away.

The iKnife, known formally as rapid evaporative ionization mass spectrometry (REIMS), matched post-operative analysis by histopathology in all 91 cases, the study said.

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Nokia posts 227-mn-euro quarterly loss

HELSINKI (AFP) - Finnish mobile phone maker Nokia on Thursday reported a reduced loss of 227 million euros (\$298 million) in the second quarter, but sales again fell sharply.

The loss was 84 percent less than in the same period last year, but sales fell by 24 percent to 5.695 billion euros.

The decline in sales of traditional mobile phones continued, dropping 39 percent from the level a year earlier, while smartphone sales were down 24 percent over the same period.

Sales of Lumia, the smartphone on which the troubled company has bet its future, rose by 32 percent from the previous quarter to 7.4 million units.

But analysts had expected more.

Mikael Rautanen of equity research provider Inderes was disappointed by the Lumia's average selling price, which at 157 euros per unit was significantly lower than his own expectation of 175 euros.

Nokia chief executive Stephen Elop said the phone was "showing increasing momentum."

Nokia used to be the global leader in making mobile phones but has been overtaken by rivals and is struggling to establish winning business models and mobile devices.

Nokia's losses came in below a 276 million euro loss predicted by analysts polled by Dow Jones Newswires, but the revenue fall was sharper than a 17 percent consensus.

The group has cut costs by reducing its workforce by 23 percent in the past year and by seven percent in the last quarter.

On Thursday the company said it planned to cut up to 400 jobs in its mobile phone division, "while also creating a number of new positions."

Results were also boosted by a turnaround at telecom equipment maker Nokia Siemens Networks, which made a profit of eight million euros, compared with a loss of 226 million euros in the same period last year.

Dell postpones vote on go-private plan to July 24

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Dell postponed a vote Thursday on a \$24.4 billion go-private buyout plan amid opposition by major shareholders, creating new uncertainty for the former number one computer maker.

A Dell statement said the shareholder meeting on the plan, which opened briefly in Texas, was delayed until July 24.

The plan announced in February aimed to give company founder Michael Dell a chance to revive the fortunes of the Texas-based tech firm without the pressures of a publicly traded firm.

But opponents, galvanized by corporate raider Carl Icahn, have claimed the buyout at \$13.65 dollars a share undervalues the company.

"The reason it was postponed was they didn't have the votes," said technology analyst Rob Enderle. "That may motivate them to sweeten the deal, but it doesn't give people a lot of time to look at a new proposal."

Enderle said that the opposition shareholders are taking a

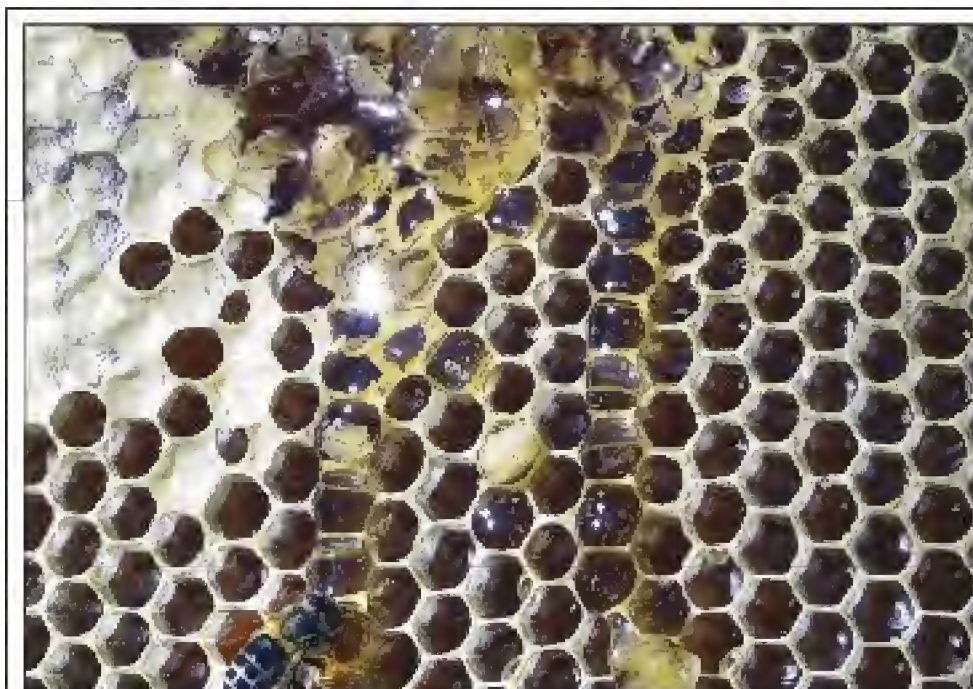
risk, because "if the deal fails, the stock will come down sharply, to around \$8."

The Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday that holders of at least 30 percent of Dell were set to vote against the buyout. The plan required a majority of the shares excluding an estimated 16 percent held by Michael Dell and his affiliates.

Icahn proposed an alternate

plan that would pay \$14 per share for up to 71 percent of Dell stock, and recently sweetened the deal by adding one warrant for every four Dell shares, entitling the holder to one share of Dell at \$20.

But Dell's board and others contend Icahn lacks financing for such a plan and that it would do little to help foster a turnaround.



IBICURY (AFP) - In this photo taken recently shows a honeycomb frame at an apiary in an island of the Parana delta, near Ibicuy, Entre Rios, Argentina, some 170 km north-east of Buenos Aires. For thousands of years, thinkers have marvelled at the feat of engineering that is the honeycomb. Each waxy cell is a perfect hexagon, its six wafer-thin sides providing not only strength to the honeycomb structure but also the smartest way to store honey.

SYDNEY — An Australian research firm Thursday launched what is being touted as the world's first anti-shark wetsuit, using new discoveries about the predators' eyesight to stave off or evade an attack. Working in conjunction with the University of Western Australia's (UWA) Oceans Institute, entrepreneurs Hamish Jolly and Craig Anderson have developed two lines of wetsuit designed to protect divers and surfers from sharks. The blue-and-white "Elude" range, designed for divers and snorkellers, uses research about sharks' perceptions of light and their colour blindness to essentially "hide you in the water column", Anderson said. The "Diverter" — mainly for surfers — is based on what sharks perceive as danger signs in nature, with a bold black and white banding pattern to imitate an "unpalatable food item", according to UWA researcher Shaun Collin. It is the culmination of a two-year research project funded by the Western Australia government following an unprecedented spate of shark attacks in the state which claimed five lives in the year to July 2012.



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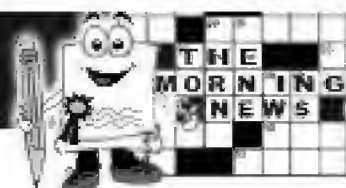
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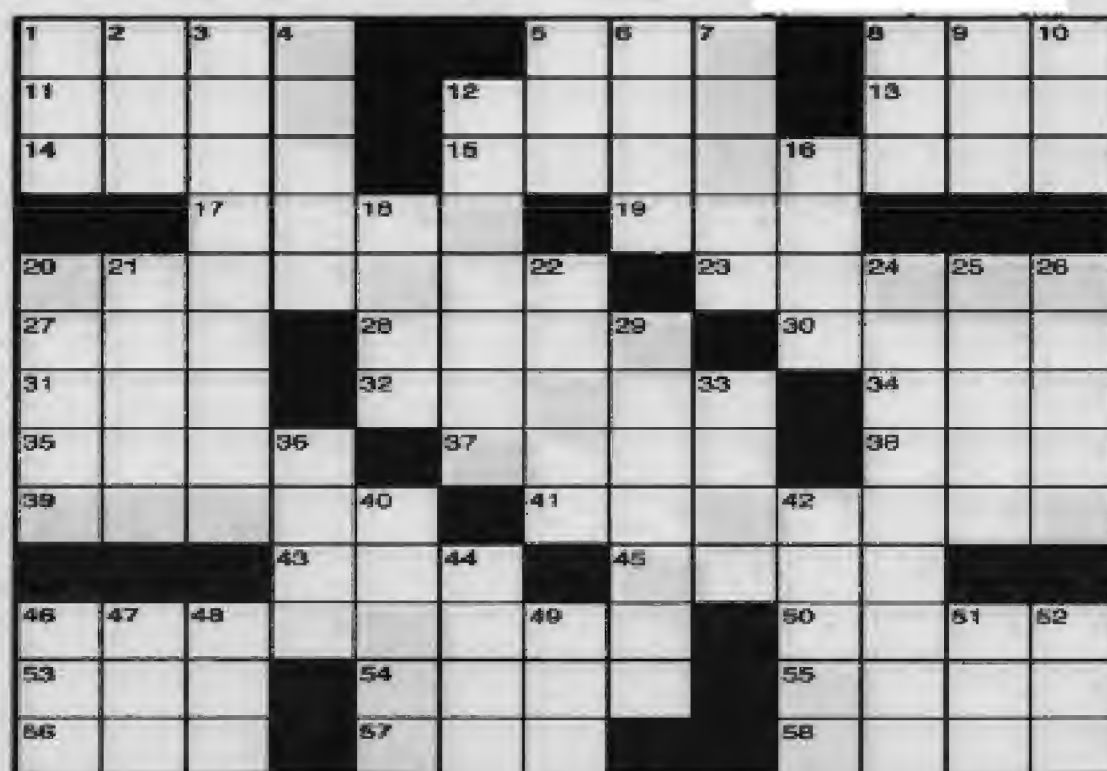
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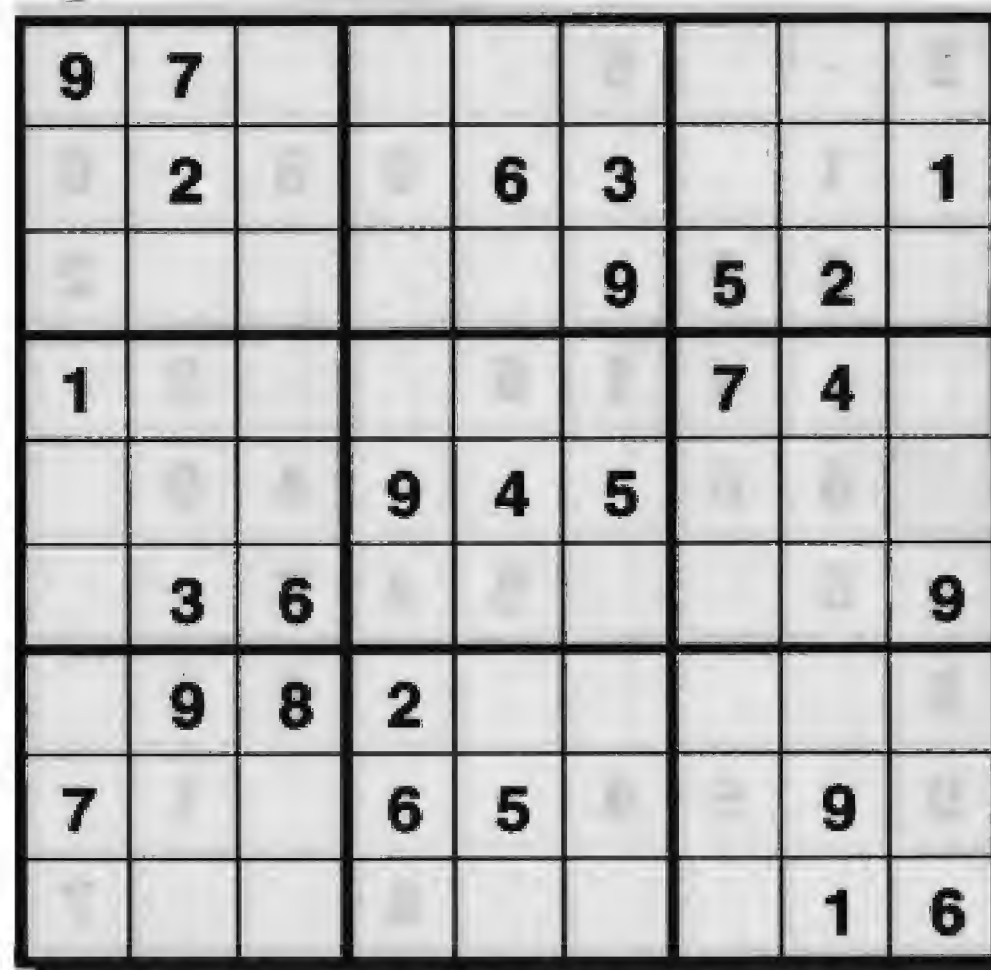
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EU wants financial services included in US trade deal

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The European Union wants to include financial services in negotiations on the world's largest free-trade accord with the United States despite US opposition, a top EU official said Thursday.

EU Financial Markets Commissioner Michel Barnier said that on a visit earlier this week to Washington, he had called for the inclusion of "all financial services, not only access to financial markets but also regulatory aspects" in the talks.

Barnier met US Treasury Secretary Jack Lew who was quoted by Le Figaro daily on Tuesday as saying that the issue should be left out of the negotiations which officially began earlier this month.

However, Barnier insisted the issue was still alive. "The decision has not been taken yet."

He conceded that after meetings with senior US officials, it was clear that Washington preferred to exclude the issue, as it has made clear several times.

"We don't want a trade agreement getting in the way of implementation of financial reforms," US Under Secretary of the Treasury Lael Brainard said recently.

Brainard said a G20 summit in 2009 had set an agenda for reforms to address the causes of the global financial crash and it was important that they be implemented.

"Our focus has to be on making sure that all of our partners actually implement and not start a new set of discussions about a new set of rules with a new set of deadlines," Brainard said.

Barnier said Washington's concerns were unfounded.

The United States "worries that we want to reduce the level of regulation but that is not what I am about, on the contrary," the Commissioner said.

The targeted US-EU agreement is aimed at removing bureaucratic, regulatory and protectionist barriers to create what would be the world's largest free-trade area.

New York crude hits 16-month high on brighter US outlook

LONDON (AFP) - New York crude oil prices hit 16-month highs on Thursday as traders bet on a brighter outlook for the US economy despite caution from Federal Reserve chief Ben Bernanke.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) for delivery in August, jumped \$1.35 to stand at 107.85 a barrel -- the highest point since late March.

Brent North Sea crude for September dipped one cent to stand at \$108.60 a barrel in late London deals.

Sentiment was boosted in part by news that fewer people filed new claims for US unemployment insurance benefits last week as the job market slowly improves.

Initial jobless claims fell to 334,000 in the week ending July 13, a drop of 24,000 from the prior week's slightly down-

wardly revised reading of 358,000, official data showed on Thursday.

US Federal Reserve chief Ben Bernanke has voiced caution over the outlook however, telling Congress on Wednesday that the US central bank had no firm timetable for cutting back on its bond purchases, and that it would consider reducing its stimulus programme only if the economy continued to improve.

Analysts said oil prices would remain supported by signs of stronger demand in the United States, the world's top crude consumer, as well as fears of a disruption in Middle East supply caused by Egypt's political turmoil.

The official crude inventories report by the US Department of Energy on Wednesday showed supplies in the United States fell by 6.9 million bar-

rels in the week to July 12.

The drop, which comes during the summer driving season when Americans take to the roads for their holidays, beat the 2.2 million barrels estimated by analysts in a Dow Jones Newswires survey.

"The spread between Brent and WTI narrowed to less than one dollar... as investors continue to revise upwards their expectations about demand in North America," Fawad Razaqzade, technical analyst at traders GFT Markets said on Thursday.

Brent oil prices have historically traded below WTI crude but over the past three years have stayed above the US contract, largely owing to high US stockpiles according to analysts.

In October 2011, Brent traded almost \$28 above WTI.

IMF's Lagarde sees 'bright future' for eurozone

VILNIUS (AFP) - IMF chief Christine Lagarde said Thursday she was optimistic the eurozone would overcome its debt crisis and recession, but that structural reforms and a planned banking union were key.

The International Monetary Fund tips 0.9 percent growth for the 17-member eurozone next year, after a 0.6 percent

contraction in 2013.

The future EU-wide regulatory system for banks is meant to prevent failing lenders from damaging the wider economy, as they have done in several EU nations during the debt crisis.

Lagarde's comments echoed EU Economic Affairs Commissioner Olli Rehn who on Tuesday said the eurozone's battered economies are slowly

emerging from a crippling recession with growth expected to return by the second half of 2013.

A former French finance minister, Lagarde also praised 2004 EU entrant Lithuania for introducing a series of biting austerity measures in 2009 that saw its output sink by 14.8 percent.

The Baltic nation of three

million people saw its first signs of recovery in 2010, with output expanding by 1.4 percent.

The IMF has forecast its economy to expand by 2.9 percent this year.

An ex-Soviet republic of three million, Lithuania assumed the EU's half-year rotating presidency on July 1.



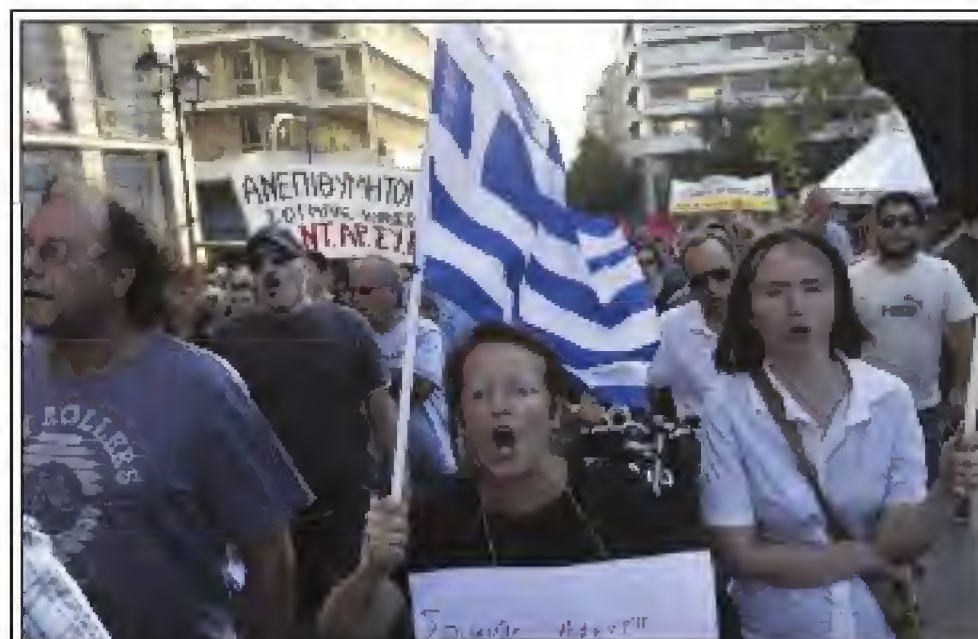
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ATHENS (AFP) - : Protestors shout slogans against the visit of the German finance minister as they demonstrate in central Athens on Thursday. German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble said on July 18 that new financial aid for Greece could be considered if it hauls its budget out of the red, a day after parliament passed unpopular new austerity measures.

Mandela the boxer inspires new generation

SOWETO (AFP) - In a sweaty township gym where Nelson Mandela once trained as a young boxer, athletes are still pumping iron today, inspired by the peace icon's example as he turned 95 and fights for his life in a hospital.

Things haven't changed much since the early 1950s, when a youthful Mandela worked out on week nights at the Donaldson Orlando Community Centre, or the "D.O." as it's still affectionately known.

Spartan and slightly run down, the walls ooze with the intermingled history of sport, community life and the decades-long fight against apartheid oppression.

It was here that Mandela came to lose himself in sport to take his mind off liberation politics.

Nestled in the heart of South Africa's largest township just south of Johannesburg, the community centre was also where famous African songbirds like Miriam



Makeba and Brenda Fassie first performed.

The 1976 riots against the imposition of the Afrikaans language in black schools were planned from the D.O. as Mandela and other leaders languished in apartheid jails.

"Here, look, these are the very same weights Madiba used for training," proud gym instructor Sinki Langa, 49, told a visiting AFP reporter, using Mandela's clan name.

"They have lasted all these years," he said as he added another set to a bar his fellow

trainee Simon Mzizi, 30, was using to furiously bench-press, sweat dripping down his face.

Nearby, other fitness enthusiasts worked out to the tune of soothing music -- which unusually for a gym included opera.

The D.O. -- or Soweto YMCA as it is called today -- opened its doors in 1948, the same year the apartheid white nationalist government came to power.

Built with funds donated by Colonel James Donaldson, a self-made entrepreneur and staunch supporter of the now governing African National Congress (ANC), the D.O. centre includes a hall, and several sparsely furnished smaller rooms like the one where Mandela sparred as a young man.

Today the gym is housed in an adjacent hall, which was the original building on the grounds erected in 1932.

Mandela joined the D.O. in around 1950, often taking his oldest 10-year-old son Thembi with him.

In a letter to his daughter Zinzi, while on Robben Island where he spent 18 of his 27 years in jail, Mandela recalled his days at the gym.

"The walls... of the DOCC

are drenched with the sweet memories that will delight me for years," he wrote in the letter, published in his 2010 book "Conversations with Myself".

"When we trained in the early 50s the club included amateur and professional boxers as well as wrestlers," Mandela wrote to his daughter, who never received the letter because it was snatched by his gofers.

Training at the D.O. was tough and included sparring, weight-lifting, road-running and push-ups.

"We used to train for four days, from Monday to Thursday and then break off," Mandela told journalist Richard Stengel in the early 1990s, while writing his autobiography "Long Walk to Freedom".

When he was handed a life sentence in 1964, Mandela kept up the harsh regime of his training to stay fit and healthy.

"I was very fit, and in prison, I felt very fit indeed. So I used to train in prison... just as I did outside," Mandela said in a transcript of his conversation with Stengel, given to AFP by the Nelson Mandela Centre of Memory.

Mandela was eventually released from jail in 1990 and in 1994, he was elected South

Africa's first black president.

In "Long Walk to Freedom", Mandela admitted he was "never an outstanding boxer".

"I did not enjoy the violence of boxing as much as the science of it," the elderly statesman said. "It was a way of losing myself in something that was not the struggle," Mandela wrote.

"Back in those days, boxing was very popular -- it was part of that culture," Shakes Tshabalala, 81, who has been involved with the centre from the start told AFP.

Pugilism always played a big part in Mandela's life and at his nearby house, today a museum, boxing-related items like the WBC World Championship belt donated by Sugar Ray Leonard are on display.

Back at the centre, a new generation of youngsters are training.

Although few of them box today, they draw their inspiration from Mandela's example in healthy living.

"Mandela was a sportsman. This is why today he is still alive," said gym instructor Langa. "I am worried about him, but I know he'll win. He's a fighter," he said.

'House of Cards' makes TV history with Emmy nod



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The Netflix political drama "House of Cards" made entertainment history Thursday, becoming the first online-only series ever to be nominated for a major Emmy award.

The FX miniseries "American Horror Story: Asylum" collected 17 nods, the most of any TV show, in the run-up to the 65th annual primetime Emmy awards ceremony in Los Angeles on September 22.

But "House of Cards," starring Hollywood veteran Kevin Spacey as a shrewd and cunning US congressman, broke fresh Emmy ground, scoring nine nominations including best drama.

Inspired by a BBC series from the early 1990s, "House of Cards" was made exclusively for Netflix, the online movie streaming website, which put all 13 episodes online in February in one fell swoop.

Other nominees for best drama included "Breaking Bad," "Downton Abbey," "Game of Thrones," "Homeland" and "Mad Men" -- marking the first time no series from a mainstream US television network has been nominated in the category.

Up for best comedy were "Modern Family," "The Big Bang Theory," "Girls," "Louie," "Veep" and "30 Rock."

Robert Downey, Jr. tops Forbes' Highest Paid Actors list



Robert Downey Jr.

-- Forbes' 2013 list of highest paid actors raked The 'Iron Man' star Robert Downey Jr as Highest Paid Actor.

Toplining "The Avengers" (\$1.5 billion) and "Iron Man 3" (\$1.2 billion) within a year of each other, Robert Downey Jr. earned \$75 million between June 2012 and June 2013, according to the magazine's estimates, supplanting Tom Cruise as Hollywood's most-compensated actor. This year marks the first time that the man who plays billionaire playboy Tony Stark headlined the ranking. His take from the two Marvel movies included both his salary and a cut of the films' profits.

Stripping his way (almost) to the top, Channing Tatum was second on Forbes' list with \$60 million. He appeared in the blockbuster sequel "G.I. Joe: Retaliation," but his big payday came with last summer's "Magic Mike," a \$7 million production financed by Tatum and director Steven



Channing Tatum

Soderbergh that grossed \$167.2 million worldwide.

Hugh Jackman was third with \$55 million. About to make his sixth turn as the Wolverine in next week's eponymous tentpole.

Mark Wahlberg (\$52 million) and Dwayne Johnson (\$46 million) round out the top five.

Here are Forbes' 10 highest-paid actors:

- 1.- Robert Downey Jr. (\$75 million)
- 2.- Channing Tatum (\$60 million)
- 3.- Hugh Jackman (\$55 million)
- 4.- Mark Wahlberg (\$52 million)
- 5.- Dwayne Johnson (\$46 million)
- 6.- Leonardo DiCaprio (\$39 million)
- 7.- Adam Sandler (\$37 million)
- 8.- Tom Cruise (\$35 million)
- 9.- Denzel Washington (\$33 million)
- 10.- Liam Neeson (\$32 million)



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"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.99, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, with free refills on fresh coffee. A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast, home fries, with complimentary, unlimited coffee for only \$9.99! Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to

watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open from 8am to 10pm-ish Sunday - Thursday. For those late night diners, 5 Burgers is open until 3AM-ish on Friday & Saturdays! Delivery is available to most Hotels and most beaches! Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facili-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Martinique 3 1 0 2 3	El Salvador 3 1 1 1 4	Cuba 3 1 0 2 3
Canada 3 0 1 2 1	Haiti 3 1 0 2 3	Belize 3 0 0 3 0

upcoming game:

- Panama vs Cuba - Saturday July 20, 2013 at 3:30 pm
- Mexico vs T&T - Saturday July 20, 2013 at 6.30 pm

SPORTS

Football: Reggae Boyz name Schafer as coach



KINGSTON (AFP) - Jamaica's Reggae Boyz, all-but eliminated from contention for the 2014 World Cup, named Winfried Schafer as their new coach on Wednesday for the remainder of CONCACAF qualifying matches.

The 63-year-old German will guide Jamaica for the final four matches after Theodore Whitmore was fired following the Reggae Boyz's woeful qualifying start, including four losses in a row.

The Jamaicans were on the bottom of the table with only two points from six matches and little hope of taking one of three available World Cup 2014 spots from the six-team

round robin competition, or even the chance to play New Zealand for a berth that goes to the fourth-place finisher.

Schafer's contract will last into November with an option to be renewed. His debut with Jamaica will be on September 6 when the Reggae Boyz visit Panama.

Schafer coached Cameroon to the African Nations Cup in 2002 and a runner-up showing in the 2003 Confederations Cup.

"At this time Jamaica need an accomplished and experienced coach and this is what we have found in Mr. Schafer," said Jamaican Football Federation president Horace Burrell.

Boxing: Garcia, Matthyse target Mayweather bout

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Unbeaten American Danny Garcia and Argentina's Lucas Matthyse will fight September 14 for two world junior welterweight titles on the undercard of Floyd Mayweather's bout against Saul "Canelo" Alvarez.

Golden Boy Promotions chief executive Richard Schafer announced the Garcia-Matthyse showdown on Thursday with the winner of the bout likely on a collision course with welterweight Mayweather, who steps up to super welterweight to face Alvarez.

Matthyse, 34-2 with 32 knockouts, will face Garcia, 26-0 with 16 knockouts, for the US fighter's World Boxing Council and World Boxing Association crowns.

And with Matthyse having stopped International Boxing Federation junior welterweight champion Lamont Peterson in the third round of a non-title fight two months ago, the Garcia-Matthyse winner will be regarded as the division's undisputed champion.

"We did not have to add this fight. The tickets are already sold," said Schafer.

"This is the most expensive fight ever put second on a pay-per-view card. It took a lot of money to get it done. This is one of the most anticipated fights in the sport."

Schafer said the Mayweather-Alvarez sellout live gate of \$19.5 million will break the record set by Mayweather's 2007 victory over Oscar de la Hoya and said seven sponsor deals and non-



Floyd Mayweather (L) Saul "Canelo" Alvarez (R)

US telecast sales that are already 40 percent ahead of Mayweather-De la Hoya would help pay for the second major fight.

Schafer said the pay-per-view sales could rival the record of about 2.525 million

home buys set by de la Hoya and Mayweather.

Mayweather Promotions chief executive Leonard Ellerbe would not say if the Matthyse-Garcia winner will be Mayweather's next opponent.



LINKÖPING (AFP) - England's defender Casey Stoney (L) and France's forward Eugénie Le Sommer vie for the ball during the UEFA Women's European Championship Euro 2013 group C football match France vs England yesterday. France won 3-0, eliminating England. While Russia and Spain tied at 01-01.

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Baseball: Davis homer quest leads stories to watch

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Baltimore Orioles slugger Chris Davis takes aim at Major League Baseball's one-season home run record as the second half of the season begins today.

A two-day break after the American League's 3-0 victory over the National League in Tuesday's Major League Baseball All-Star Game will have teams rested as they chase playoff berths when the six-month campaign ends on September 29.

Davis has smacked 37 homers for the Orioles (53-43), 24 shy of the American League record of 61 set by Roger Maris of the New York



Chris Davis



Miguel Cabrera

Yankees in 1961.

Retired San Francisco slugger Barry Bonds holds the Major League Baseball one-season record of 73 homers from the 2001 season, although the all-time US homer king's feats were dogged by steroid accusations.

The Pittsburgh Pirates, who have not had a winning season since 1992, reached the break at 56-37, one game behind National League Central division rival St. Louis for the best record in the major leagues, and could become a surprise playoff team.

The Cardinals (57-36), Arizona Diamondbacks (50-45) and Atlanta Braves (54-41) lead their divisions with the Pirates and Cincinnati setting the pace in search of wild-card playoff berths in the National League.

The Boston Red Sox, pow-

ered by David Ortiz and Dustin Pedroia, lead the AL East division at 58-39 and are a make after losing 93 games last year has paid dividends since the departure of manager Terry Francona and general manager Theo Epstein.

Detroit, led by Most Valuable Player candidate Miguel Cabrera, and Oakland are the other AL division leaders with Tampa Bay and Texas, ignited in part by Japanese pitching ace Yu Darvish, being the other teams to catch in the wild-card playoff chase.

Cabrera tops AL batters with a .365 average while St. Louis catcher Yadier Molina paces NL hitters with a .341 average.

Cabrera, coming off a Triple Crown batting season in 2012 of leading in hits and homers as well as batting average, could match Ted Williams and Rogers Hornsby as the only

players to sweep those season titles twice in a career and he would be the first player to win two Triple Crowns in a row if he can overtake Davis for homers, his 30 being seven shy of the Orioles' slugger.

Detroit also boasts a top pitcher candidate in Max Scherzer, who has 152 strikeouts in 129 innings, while his NL counterpart could be Los Angeles Dodgers' hurler Clayton Kershaw, who has kept opposing batters to a .188 average.

An injury-riddled New York Yankees lineup has still managed to go 51-44, six games behind the arch-rival Red Sox in the AL East, and could contend late, especially if injured Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez can return to the lineup in the final months of the campaign.

Hanging over the season is a Major League Baseball investigation into a Miami health clinic that allegedly supplied banned performance-enhancing substances to several players, including Rodriguez and Milwaukee star Ryan Braun.

And there are teams just trying to avoid embarrassment over the final months of the season.

The Houston Astros, who moved from the National League to the American League to give each 15 clubs, own the worst record in their major leagues at 33-61 with Miami next at a woeful 35-58.

Golf: Woods 'very pleased' with Open start

GULLANE (AFP) - World number one Tiger Woods said Thursday he was very happy with a two under 69 in the first round of the British Open, especially given the lightning quick greens at sun-baked Muirfield.

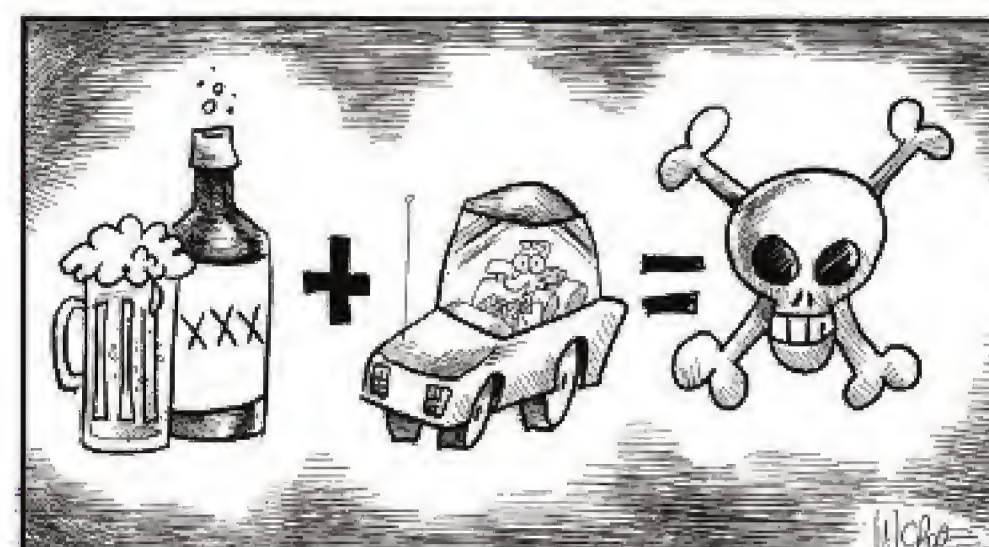
Woods was forced to really grind out his round as the greens grew more and more perilous in the afternoon sun.

Woods expressed some sympathy with players like England's Ian Poulter and American Phil Mickelson who were quite disparaging about the difficulty of holding the balls on the greens.

Asked if it was unfair as some fellow competitors had suggested, he replied: "You could see how guys could feel that way. It got so fast and so dry that, as I said, it was hard to get the ball close and even lag-putt the ball at the right speed."

It was a gritty performance by Woods who dug deep to save par or escape with just a bogey on a number of holes.

Woods didn't seem bothered by the elbow injury that hurt his chances at last month's US Open at Merion and reckoned he had made the right decision to rest it in the lead-up to the Open.



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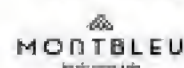
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Aruba's Quincy Breell breaks personal record again!



-- Recently Aruba got the good news from Belgium that local athlete Quincy Breell broke his personal record once again. This past weekend in the Long Jump in Kortrijk, Belgium he jumped 7.46m. Quincy and teammate Shakyll is in Europe to compete at the Dutch Championships in Amsterdam on July 20th & 21st. Quincy is part of the local club AAC (Aruba Athletic Club).

Good luck to Quincy and Shakyll!



Olimpia wins in first leg



-- Olimpia saw off Atletico Mineiro 2-0 in the first-leg of the Copa Libertadores final thanks to goals from Alejandro Silva and Wilson Pittoni. The Paraguayan side took the lead in the 23rd minute with a goal of the highest quality, with Silva picking up a short pass from Pittoni near the right wing and setting off on a mazy run towards goal. He struck a firm left-footed strike from just outside the box that had Atletico goalkeeper Victor well beaten and the ball duly flew in off the post to open the scoring. Silva was so excited that he took his shirt off to celebrate the goal, drawing a yellow card from referee Nestor Pitana and he will now miss the second leg in Brazil next Wednesday. Atletico coach Cuca replaced the misfiring Ronaldinho with Guilherme just after the hour mark, but the move did not have the desired effect. With the match entering the final 10 minutes, Olimpia substitute Juan Ferreyra forced an outstanding save from Victor and Fredy Bareiro somehow missed the follow-up from point-blank range. Bareiro wasted another good chance with five minutes remaining when he charged into the box but blasted his left-footed effort high and wide. Atletico defender Richarlyson was then sent off in the 90th minute for his second bookable offence, but the home side had to wait until the fourth minute of stoppage time to double their lead. Olimpia were awarded a free kick just outside the box and Pittoni stepped up to curl it past Victor with the last kick of the game, although the 'keeper was hard done by, with Atletico substitute Alecsandro getting in his way. The goal sent the bulk of the crowd at the Estadio Defensores del Chaco into pandemonium, and the Paraguayan club are now well placed in their bid to land their fourth Copa Libertadores title.